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MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Ladbrokes Championship fixture with Partick Thistle here at the Caledonian Stadium. I would like to warmly welcome Gary Caldwell, Brian Kerr and their squad to the stadium as well as their directors and, of course, the fans who have made the journey today for what I am sure will be another close encounter.

Thistle have picked up some good results of late and been very active in the transfer market as they look to pull away from the relegation area, they will come here hungry for all 3 points. The quality of their additions allied to the already very good squad will make them dangerous opponents and we will have to keep up the fine form we have been showing ourselves of late to win this match.

We have won both matches previously by the odd goal, with Thistle scoring two late goals here and of course the last one saw a tremendous Tom Walsh strike, and a penalty save from Mark Ridgers to win the points at Firhill, so there has been very little between the sides.

We have had two away games at Falkirk and Ayr since our victory in the cup against East Kilbride and we were very unlucky not to take all 3 points from the Bairns in a game we dominated for long spells as we were denied a very clear penalty in the closing minutes.

We responded well with a fantastic victory down at Ayr in difficult conditions where we were, once more, roared on by our small but passionate away support and came away with the points in a great match.

We currently sit in 4th place but we must keep our sights fixed firmly on the teams above us as we are still in with a fighting chance of being at the business end of the table going in to the last quarter. That is the target for the players, to be right in there fighting, and their form and application of late has been first class and we must keep up that intensity for remainder of the season.

We have added Darren McCauley from Coleraine and Anthony McDonald from Hearts to the squad and both bring real competition for places in the team. Both are attacking players, with Darren coming from part time Coleraine where he netted 20 last season and 8 this campaign and Anthony has 20 odd Premiership games under his belt at only 17 so both will be pushing the current players for a starting berth. We are delighted to get them here and sure they will be fine additions to the squad.

Once more, I ask for you to get right behind the team in another important match.

Enjoy the game

Robbo



CAPTAIN CARL

TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to this afternoon's Ladbrokes Championship match against Partick Thistle, I hope you are all well.

We're looking forward to today's match, the game against Falkirk was a good performance and a decent result, maybe we should have nicked it. Tuesday was a great result but we have to capitalise on that today against Partick Thistle. No disrespect to them, but we need to be beating sides at home. We've had a settled team for the past few weeks and a settled back four so we're raring to go.

This window we've signed Kevin McHattie, Darren McCauley and Anthony McDonald and having squad depth is only a good thing, but when to utilise the squad is key. We're looking forward to seeing them and if they can bring good things to the team then obviously that is going to be good for us.

Partick Thistle have made a few signings but sometimes too many changes can effect a side and hopefully that affects them. At the minute we have a settled side picking up good results and that is the key, consistency and if we can be consistent from now until the end of the season.

Enjoy the game,

Carl Tremarco



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We extend a warm welcome to the representatives of Partick Thistle FC for today's Scottish Championship encounter. We look forward to great football and a competitive match, fairly played and with no injuries.

The January transfer window has been busy with many teams changing parts of their playing staff. It's always a challenge mid-way through a season when many potential team and player moves are being considered – where to add or release players, cover for long-term injuries, which player contracts are coming to an end and who will re-sign, which players are looking for a new opportunity and want to move – and all of this with the goal of improving results? In the case of ICT, we are pleased to report that Kevin McHattie, Darren McCauley and Anthony McDonald have joined the team, while George Oakley has chosen to move on. We wish them all well and thank George for his great service to the Club.

As always, if you have any feedback on how we are doing or suggestions on how we can improve, please send them to me at graham.rae@ictfc.co.uk - I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Please join me in wishing our team the very best for today's match. Warm regards and thank you for your loyal support – it really does matter to everyone at the Club.

Graham Rae
Chairman

COMMUNITY NEWS



CODE	DAY	DATES	VENUE	COURSE NAME	TIME	AGE	PRICE
HSS1	Mon	14th Jan-1st April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4-4.45pm	5-6	38.50
HSS2	Mon	14th Jan-1st April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4.50-5.35pm	7-8	38.50
HSS3	Mon	14th Jan-1st April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	5.40-6.25pm	9-14	38.50
ML1	Tues	15th Jan-2nd April	MOL (Hall)	Nessie	4.30-5.15pm	3-4	38.50
ML2	Tues	15th Jan-2nd April	MOL (Hall)	4v4 Centre	5.20-6.05pm	5-7	38.50
ML3	Tues	15th Jan-2nd April	MOL (Hall)	4v4 Centre	6.10-6.55pm	8-14	38.50
SP1	Wed	16th Jan-3rd April	Smithton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4-4.45pm	5-8	38.50
SP2	Wed	16th Jan-3rd April	Smithton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4.50-5.35pm	9-14	38.50
HN3	Thurs	17th Jan-4th April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	Nessie	4-4.45pm	3-4	42.00
HN5	Thurs	17th Jan-4th April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4.50-5.35pm	5-6	42.00
HSS4	Thurs	17th Jan-4th April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	Girls ONLY	5.40-6.25pm	5-12	42.00
GK1	Fri	18th Jan-5th April	MOL School (Astro)	Safe Hands	4-4.45pm	6-10	42.00
GK2	Fri	18th Jan-5th April	MOL School (Astro)	Safe Hands	4.50-5.35pm	11-16	42.00

* Excluding Monday 17th Feb

** Excluding Tuesday 18th Feb

*** Excluding Wednesday 19th Feb

Feb-01	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Hotshots	10-11.30pm	5-8Yrs	15.00
Feb-02	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Hotshots	12.30-2.00pm	9-14Yrs	15.00
Feb-03	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Hotshots	10am-2pm	5-14Yrs	30.00
Feb-04	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Invite Only	10am-2pm	7-10Yrs	30.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

Birthday Parties

At the weekend we hosted our first birthday party of the year. The community team have been delivering Birthday Parties over many years and offer various different options to the birthday boy or girl who wants to take part in a football party. Parties can be delivered at a venue of your choice or at the stadium. There are many different options which do include a stadium tour, a signed ball and a football session. Mileage + Travel Charges are dependent on location.

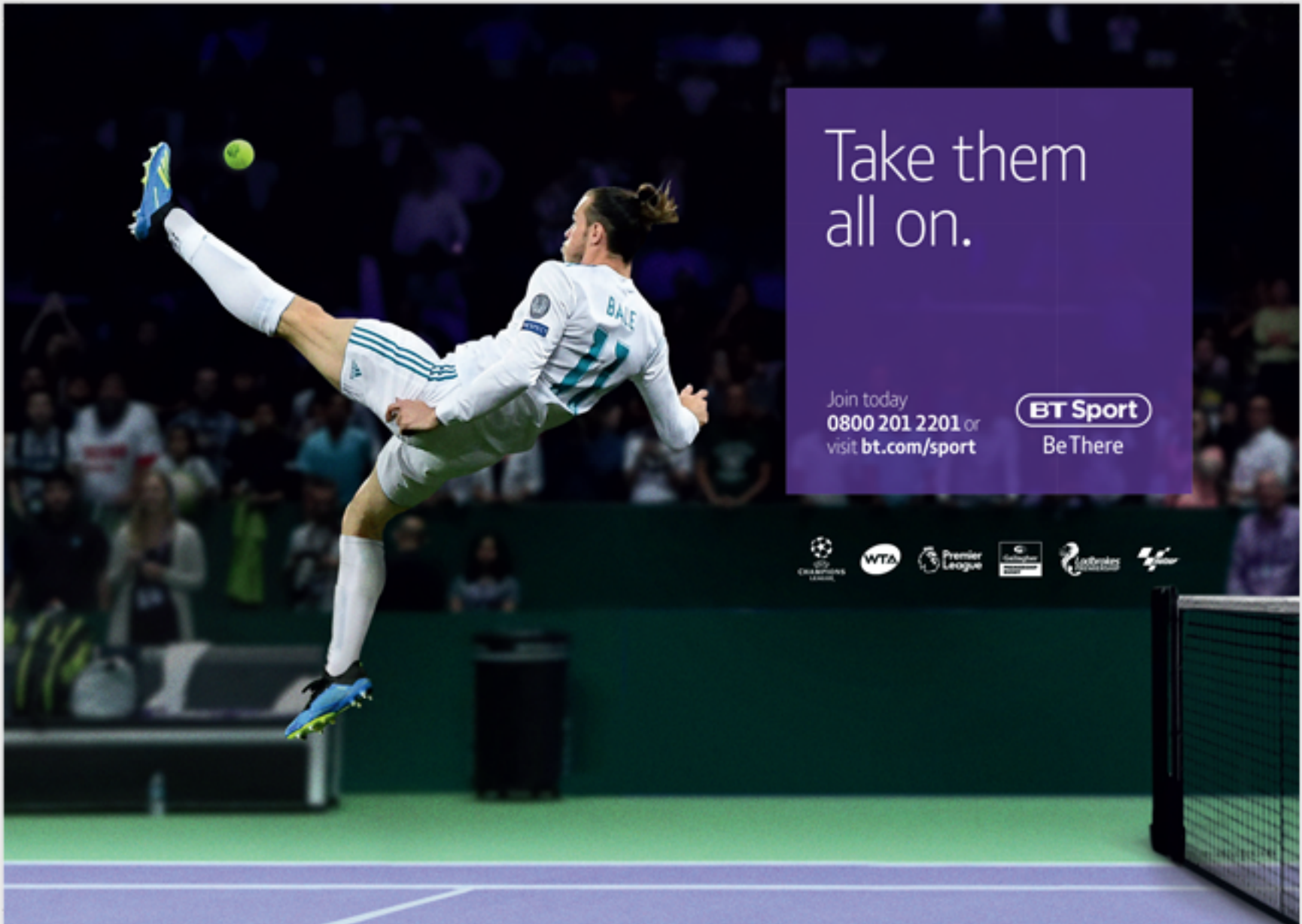
For further information and bookings, contact Craig Masterton on 07754 609425 or community@ictfc.co.uk

February in-service

Whilst the schools are not in then we have our February in-service hotshots program to keep the kids busy during the day. During the dates of 17th, 18th and 19th February we will be hosting 4 hours of football up at the Milton of Leys astro where kids will be able to play in fun games but also learn about the different aspects of football. The courses will be run from 10am until 2pm with a break for lunch. Kids can sign up for half the day or the full day. For more information please go onto the website or call the community department on 07754 609425.

Tom Walsh at Football Memories

On Friday we had a special guest at football memories as first team player Tom Walsh came in to talk about his career to the group. It was great to have him give up his time and to be able to hear about his time at Rangers as a youth, his time at different clubs and how he is enjoying Inverness. It was also good for him to spend the time with our elder fans and answer the questions they had for him about himself and the club.

A full-page advertisement featuring a dynamic action shot of Gareth Bale, a professional footballer, in mid-air performing a bicycle kick. He is wearing a white Real Madrid kit with the number 11 and his name 'BALE' on the back. A yellow football is suspended in the air near his right foot. The background shows a blurred stadium filled with spectators. A large purple rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing promotional text and logos. At the bottom of the page, a row of sports league logos is displayed.

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NATHAN AUSTIN

TALKS ABOUT KEEPING IN THE SIDE



It's been a frustrating season for Nathan Austin to date with injuries causing him to miss many matches this season but the Caley Thistle striker now has earned his place back in the side.

John Robertson's selection of Austin was rewarded on Tuesday night as the striker netted twice in the first 12 minutes in the Caley Jags' 3-2 win over Ayr in midweek and Austin was delighted to help the side to three points.

The Caley Thistle striker said: "I felt for myself it had been a long time coming to be getting into the team, I think I played quite well against Falkirk so it was good to get a couple of goals against Ayr and help the team and we're right back in the hunt now."

Now Austin has forced his way into the side he is hoping to stay consistent and keep his place as he said: "For me personally, I've said this a lot, once I start playing and I am fit I think my football does the talking. So if I can keep myself fit, I know I'm more than capable of scoring goals to help the team, for me it's not worrying about the football side of things but it's about keeping myself at the top fitness wise then I know I can help the team."

Austin said that through his career he always seems to finish the season stronger and thinks this could be because the goal becomes within reach.

The striker said: "I think if you look right through my stats through my career then I always seem to do well in the second half of the season. I don't know what it is! I couldn't put it down to one certain thing but when you have the finishing line in front of you, you are hungrier and know you can finish in a good position so I think the performances come from that. Hopefully I can call upon that in the second-half of this season and kick on again."

There is no break in the big games coming for Caley Thistle as Partick Thistle come to the Highlands this afternoon. Austin has said that the new signings have given the squad an extra buzz going into the business end of the season.

Austin said: "The big games are coming now, I think all the boys are looking forward to it. I think it is good to see a few new faces around the dressing room as it gives us an extra buzz, the training has been good."

He added: "The new signings have been good in training, Anthony played against Ayr on Tuesday and looked quite good on maybe not the kind of pitch that he is used to but he adapted himself really well. We've seen a bit of McCauley too, he's a big powerful lad and he's been good in training."

"We're looking forward for them getting going. We've also signed Kevin McHattie, I know Kev and he's been about for a while, he's got quality and is a good player."

Austin is under no illusions that today's match will be a tough one for the Caley Jags with Thistle dipping heavily into the transfer market this January. Austin thinks Gary Caldwell now has the players he wants, making it a complete different game to the previous two meetings between the sides.

Austin said: "I think Gary Caldwell has the team he wants now so I think it's a totally different game to when we've played them earlier on in the season."

"We've played quite well against Thistle this season, maybe the fans think it'll be an easier game but it certainly won't be because of the new signings they have made and I think they'll be trying to push right up the league to get away from the relegation zone."

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Caley Thistle beat Ayr United 3-2 at Somerset Park, with the Caley Jags racing into a 3-0 lead inside the first 18 minutes of the first half as Nathan Austin scored double and Liam Polworth got the other.

John Robertson made two changes from Saturday's 2-2 draw with Falkirk as Anthony McDonald came in for his first Caley Thistle start, as the injured Aaron Doran missed out, while George Oakley came in for Jordan White.

The Caley Jags had the lead after just 8 minutes played as Nathan Austin scored for the first time since the 3-3 draw with Queen of the South in November. Austin was played in by Polworth and initially saw his first effort saved by Doohan but then tapped in the rebound to give Caley Thistle the lead.

Only four minutes later, Austin got his second of the match to double Caley Thistle's lead. George Oakley sent Austin through on goal and the striker rounded Doohan and slide his effort over the line to make it 2-0.

Somerset Park was stunned and only six minutes later Liam Polworth made it 3-0 to the Caley Jags. It was good work again from Oakley as he put pressure on the Ayr centre-backs and ball found Polworth 20 yards out who's effort arrowed into the bottom corner.

It was 3-0 to the Caley Jags at the break and Ayr boss Ian McCall made two half-time subs with Lawrence Shankland and Chris Higgins coming on for Craig Moore and Ross Docherty.

Ayr responded well in the second-half and got one back on the 52nd minute, Shankland put Jamie McCart under pressure and won the ball off him and he cut the ball back for Delcan McDaid to tap in.

Shankland set up a grand stand finish as his free-kick deflected past Cammy Mackay on the 84th minute.

Robbie Muirhead had a big chance late on to earn Ayr a point as he met a brilliant ball from McDaid but a slight touch from Tremarco meant the ball was slightly too high for Muirhead, who headed over.

MATCH REPORT

29.01.19, SOMERSET PARK, AYR
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

AYR UTD 2
INVERNESS CT 3



MANAGER
**GARY
CALDWELL**

PAST RESULTS

W 1-0
AWAY, 10.11.18
LEAGUE

W 3-2
HOME, 15.09.18
LEAGUE

D 1-1
AWAY, 11.03.17
LEAGUE

PARTICK THISTLE

THE OPPONENT



Partick Thistle have suffered a disappointing season so far with them sitting one point above bottom spot, in 9th place in the Ladbrokes Championship table in their first season since be relegated from the Ladbrokes Premiership.

Thistle started the season with Alan Archibald in charge but he has been replaced by Gary Caldwell. Caldwell has brought in Steve Saunders, Conor Hazard, Joe Cardle Alistair Roy, Lews Mansell, Jack McMillian, Steven Anderson and Gary Harkins in the January transfer window while the Glasgow side have knocked back offers from clubs down south for the services of Aidan Fitzpatrick

Thistle picked up a big win against Queen of the South at Firhill last weekend as they got themselves off the bottom of the table. The past two meeting this season have been wins for the Caley Jags, with a 3-2 win at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium in September and 1-0 win in November at Firhill, thanks to a Tom Walsh stunner.

Thistle hold a slight advantage in the overall head-to-head between the two sides with them winning 13 matches to ICTFC's 12 and there being 10 draws between the sides.

MATCH REPORT

26.01.19, FALKIRK STADIUM, FALKIRK
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

FALKIRK 2
INVERNESS CT 2



MCCART TANGLES WITH FALKIRKS WADDINGTON

Caley Thistle drew 2-2 with Falkirk away from home as Shaun Rooney and Aaron Doran scored for the Caley Jags, while Zak Rudden and Ian McShane hit the goals for Falkirk.

ICTFC were missing Mark Ridgers who had a back injury as Cammy Mackay came into the side. The other change for the Caley Jags was Nathan Austin coming in for George Oakley.

The Caley Jags took the lead in the 13th minute as Joe Chlamers' low free-kick was turned in by an unmarked Shaun Rooney.

Aaron Doran then saw an effort from just outside the box saved by Burgoyne as he cut inside on the left-hand side.

Falkirk levelled things up with their first chance of the match as Zak Rudden tapped in from close range after meeting a cross from Mark Waddington.

Caley Thistle did have the lead before the break though as Liam Polworth's free-kick found its way to Aaron Doran who's stunning volley flew past the Falkirk goal keeper to make it 2-1 to ICTFC at the break.

On the 55th minute, Falkirk drew level as Ian McShane's corner went directly in as it flew past Cammy Mackay.

With just 15 minutes left, Joe Chalmers found Oakley in the middle with a super ball into the box from the left-hand side but Oakley's header was well saved by Burgoyne.

There was to be some late drama as McCauley felt his effort inside the box was blocked by a Falkirk defenders arm but nothing was given by the referee.

At the other end, Rangers loanee, Zak Rudden was presented with a big chance to win the game for Falkirk but he blazed his effort over the crossbar.



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| 2 SHAUN ROONEY | 19 JORDAN WHITE |
| 3 CARL TREMARCO | 21 CAMERON MACKAY |
| 4 JOE CHALMERS | 22 BRAD MCKAY |
| 5 COLL DONALDSON | 23 DANIEL MACKAY |
| 6 JAMIE MCCART | 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD |
| 7 LIAM POLWORTH | 25 OWAIN FON WILLIAMS |
| 8 DARREN MCCAULEY | 29 KEVIN MCHATTIE |
| 9 NATHAN AUSTIN | 35 RODDY MACGREGOR |
| 10 AARON DORAN | 37 JACK BROWN |
| 11 TOM WALSH | 40 CAMERON HARPER |
| 15 SEAN WELSH | |

PARTICK THISTLE

GARY CALDWELL & BRIAN KERR

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| 3 JAMES PENRICE | 19 MILES STOREY |
| 4 THOMAS O'WARE | 20 CALLUM WILSON |
| 5 STEVEN ANDERSON | 21 AIDAN FITZPATRICK |
| 6 SEAN MCGINTY | 23 JAMIE SNEDDON |
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